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SUBJECT: TENNECO SIX

REFERENCE: STATE 133217

1. CANADIAN AMBASSADOR CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY
EASUM JUNE 21 ON INSTRUCTIONS OF HIS GOVERNMENT TO PROPOSE
JOINT APPROACH BY US AND CANADIAN AMBASSADOR AND UN
RESREP IN ADDIS TO IEG ON TENNECO KIDNAPPING.
APPROACH WOULD BE MADE TO EITHER PM OR FONMIN, AS
DETERMINED LOCALLY.

2. AMBASSADOR SAID THAT GOC HAD INITIALLY PLANNED
TO INSTRUCT ITS AMBASSADOR TO APPROACH IEG
IMMEDIATELY, BUT FOLLOWING REPORT YESTERDAY BY

CANADIAN EMBOFFS OF THEIR DISCUSSION WITH DEPOFFS
(STATE 133217) GOC NOW WILLING HOLD OFF ON APPROACH
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FOR DAY OR TWO TO SEE WHETHER NURSE AND SECOND PILOT

ARE RELEASED.

3. THRUST OF GOC DEMARCHE TO IEG WOULD BE SIMILAR TO OURS, AS OUTLINED REFTEL. SPECIFICALLY GOC WOULD STRESS TO IEG ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY OF HOSTAGES AND NEED TO TAKE WHATEVER ACTION MIGHT BE NECESSARY IN ORDER OBTAIN THEIR PROMPT RELEASE. INITIAL

APPROACH WOULD NOT GO INTO DETAILS OF WHAT IEG SHOULD DO OR HOW IT SHOULD DEAL WITH ELF, BUT WOULD STRESS NEED TO ACT QUICKLY.

4. ASSISTANT SECRETARY EASUM REPLIED THAT USG THINKING CLOSELY PARALLELED THAT OF CANADIAN GOVERNMENT. HE REVIEWED SUBSTANCE REFTEL WITH

CANADIAN AMBASSADOR. HE SAID USG TENDED FAVOR JOINT APPROACH BY CHARGE AND CANADIAN AMBASSADOR, AND HAD NO OBJECTION IF THEY ACCOMPANIED BY UN RESREP. WE RECOGNIZED, HOWEVER, THAT TWO EMBASSIES ON SPOT WERE IN BETTER POSITION TO DETERMINE SPECIFIC TACTICS, AND IT PREFERABLE LEAVE FINAL DECISION SUCH MODALITIES UP TO THEM. CANADIAN AMBASSADOR AGREED.

5. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE CONSULT WITH REYNOLDS AND DECIDE WHETHER JOINT APPROACH OR SEPARATE BUT COORDINATED APPROACHES LIKELY TO BE MOST EFFECTIVE. APPROACH SHOULD BE MADE SOONEST AFTER WORD RECEIVED THAT TWO HOSTAGES HAVE BEEN RELEASED.

6. FOR USUN: CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TOLD US CANADIAN PERMREP NY HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CONSULT WITH UNSYG'S OFFICE RE PARTICIPATION BY UN RESREP ADDIS IN APPROACH TO IEG. REQUEST USUN CONTACT CANADIAN PERMREP TO ASCERTAIN RESULTS HIS APPROACH. REFTEL BEING REPEATED USUN. KISSINGER

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